

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JEFF ESSMANN, on January 16, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeff Essmann, Chairman (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 146, 1/9/2009

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON SB 146

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:03 SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on
SB 146, Biomass tax credit.
[EXHIBIT](#)(tas10a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:43 Jason Todhunter, representing Montana Logging
Association (MLA)
00:11:39 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:56 Robert Johnson, timber employee (3rd generation)

Informational Testimony:

00:15:40 Rick Franke, Regional Manager, Smurfit-Stone Container,
Missoula

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:53 Sen. Erickson
00:22:18 Rick Franke
00:23:04 Sen. Erickson
00:24:15 Rick Franke
00:26:29 Sen. Tutvedt
00:27:02 Sen. Laible
00:29:01 Sen. Tutvedt
00:29:36 Sen. Laible
00:33:10 Sen. Brown
00:33:26 Rick Franke
00:35:44 Sen. Gebhardt
00:37:16 Sen. Laible
00:41:42 Sen. Gebhardt
00:42:24 Sen. Laible
00:43:00 Sen. Gillan
00:43:32 Sen. Laible
00:44:11 Sen. Black
00:44:22 Sen. Laible
00:45:43 Sen. Erickson
00:46:11 John Fitzpatrick
00:47:57 Sen. Tutvedt
00:48:42 Sen. Laible
00:49:45 Sen. Hamlett
00:50:11 Sen. Laible

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: (con't)

00:50:50 Chairman Essmann

00:51:16 Sen. Laible

00:52:50 Sen. Hamlett

00:53:35 Jason Todhunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:49 Sen. Laible

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:00 A.M.

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

Additional Exhibits:

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